

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the detailed Official Action of March 2, 2007.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the current Application. Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 1, 7, 13-15, 18-20 and 22 will have been amended, and claims 9 and 21 will have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject matter. In particular, claims 7 and 19 will have been amended to further recite “the user profile based on at least a weighted set of interests of the user,” thus clarifying the claimed subject matter as discussed below. Further, claims 13, 19 and 22 will have been amended to recite a “computer readable medium that stores a computer program, executable by a computer.” Additionally, claims 14, 15, 18 and 20 will have been amended to address informalities in claim language. Applicants further submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In the above-referenced Official Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 and 13-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by WEBER et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,564,005). In the same Official Action, the Examiner has also rejected claims 7-12 and 19-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by WILLIAMS et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,945,988). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections for at least the following reasons.

In the above-referenced Official Action, the Examiner has cited the WEBER et al. reference as teaching the features of claim 1. WEBER et al. teach a note-taking system in which a data structure stores user-produced notes (*e.g.*, handwritten using a pen-based user interface), along with an address for referencing a portion of a recorded event to which the notes refer. *See e.g.*, Abstract. In this regard, the Examiner has cited col. 9, line 48, and the Abstract, lines 16-

29, of WEBER et al. as teaching “providing a narrative framework” and “sequencing and editing the narrative framework, based upon a user profile.” However, col. 9, line 48, of WEBER et al. merely discloses constructing a “more specialized apparatus to perform the required acts of the system.” There is no mention of a narrative framework, or any other type of framework, or sequencing and editing the narrative framework. Furthermore, it is not apparent what portion of the Abstract the Examiner considers to disclose a narrative framework. The Abstract merely generically discloses the user creating a “time zone,” which is a spatial region of a display in which the user may manually enter notes. Therefore, even assuming that the time zones can be considered as teaching the narrative framework, they are not created by the system and then “provided” to the user, but rather they are created by the user.

Further, WEBER et al. do not teach sequencing and editing the narrative framework itself, or doing so based on a user profile. It is respectfully noted that the only user information disclosed in the Abstract of the WEBER et al. reference is not a user profile. Rather, the user information disclosed by WEBER et al. is information about a recorded event in the form of notes entered by the user, not a user profile, as recited in Applicants’ claim 1, based upon which a dynamically generated narrative is created.

Furthermore, the Examiner has cited column 4, lines 40-44, of WEBER et al. as teaching, “modifying the dynamically generated narrative based upon a delivery context and rendering the modified narrative.” However, the cited portions of WEBER et al. merely disclose the availability of the user-entered notes for subsequent modification and review by a user. Indeed, WEBER et al. teaches away from the features recited in Applicants’ claim 1 because the delivery context recited in claim 1 refers to rules that deal with the delivery environment, for example, real estate allocated for a desktop versus for a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), network

connection protocol, browser requirements, modem speed, etc., (*see e.g.*, specification at page 17, lines 15-16), in other words, systemic constraints not set or determined by the user. The referenced portions of WEBER et al. provide no teaching or suggestion of modifying the dynamically generated narrative based upon a delivery context. Indeed, WEBER et al. discuss neither a delivery context nor rendering a modified narrative for presentation to the user.

It appears that the Examiner has cited portions of the WEBER et al. reference disclosing the entry, modification, and review of notes by the user as disclosing the “sequencing and editing the narrative framework, based upon a user profile, to create a dynamically generated narrative and modifying the dynamically generated narrative.” Again, Applicants respectfully submit that the note-taking actions by a user as disclosed in WEBER et al. are not the same as being “based upon a user profile.”

Accordingly, since WEBER et al. do not disclose each and every element of Applicants’ claim 1, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C., §102(b) based on WEBER et al. is respectfully requested. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable for at least the reasons detailed above. Applicants further submit that the computer readable medium of independent claim 13 is allowable for reasons similar to the above-noted reasons for the allowability of claim 1.

The Examiner has cited the WILLIAMS et al. reference as teaching the features of claim 7. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited portions of WILLIAMS et al. do not teach a user profile based on at least a weighted set of interests of the user, as Applicants’ claim 7 has been amended to recite.

Accordingly, since WILLIAMS et al. do not disclose each and every element of Applicants’ claim 7, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C., §102(b) based on WILLIAMS

et al. is respectfully requested. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 7 is allowable for at least the reasons detailed above. Applicants further submit that the computer readable medium of independent claim 19, as amended, is allowable for reasons similar to the above-noted reasons for the allowability of claim 7.

The Examiner has also cited the WILLIAMS et al. reference as teaching the features of claim 10. However, the cited portions do not teach or suggest at least “adapting the content based upon available content,” as recited in claim 10. In this regard, the Examiner has cited the description of Fig. 2 in col. 2, lines 25-29, of WILLIAMS et al. which discloses, “dynamically customizing system operating parameters corresponding to user preferences in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention.” The Examiner has also cited col. 3, lines 1-5, of WILLIAMS et al., which discloses “system controller 14 is executable to retrieve and store entertainment programming available from a wide variety of sources.” However, although the cited portions of the WILLIAMS et al. reference may teach providing content, they do not teach, suggest, or mention adapting the content based upon available content.

Accordingly, since WILLIAMS et al. do not disclose each and every element of Applicants’ claim 10, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C., §102(b) based on WILLIAMS et al. is respectfully requested. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 10 is allowable for at least the reasons detailed above. Applicants further submit that the computer readable medium of independent claim 22 is allowable for reasons similar to the above-noted reasons for the allowability of claim 10.

With respect to claims 2-6, 8, 11, 12, 14-18, 20, 23 and 24, Applicants assert that the claims are allowable because they depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 7, 10, 13, 19 and 22, respectively, which Applicants submit have been shown to be allowable. Applicants further

submit that each of dependent claims 2-6, 8, 11, 12, 14-18, 20, 23 and 24 are believed to recite further patentable subject matter of the present invention. As such, allowance of the dependent claims is deemed proper for at least the same reasons noted for the independent claims upon which they depend, in addition to reasons related to their own recitations.

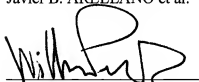
In view of the herein contained amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of previously asserted rejections set forth in the Official Action of March 2, 2007, together with an indication of the allowability of all pending claims, in due course. Such action is respectfully requested and is believed to be appropriate and proper.

Any amendments to the claims in this Reply, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

If any extension of time is deemed to be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application, including any extension of time fees for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Reply or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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